

Information from Doberitz

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 23 June to 8 July 1952DATE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 12 August 1952REFERENCES [redacted] 25X1PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. During the period from 25 June to 8 July 1952, the Loewen Kaserne south of Highway No 103 in Doberitz (N 53/2 65) was occupied by about 300 officers and 2,500 troops. Infantry, AT artillery, tank and signal units were noticed there. Major Borkin (fmu) was commander of the barracks installation. He lived in building No 12 where the other married officers and the female employees were also billeted. Colonel Holoshkin (fmu) who lived in a villa opposite the Loewen Kaserne was referred to as military post commander. Sixty tanks were counted in the garages south of the training field of the installation. Motor vehicles and guns were parked in a former stable west of the garages. On 2 July, 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying no heavy weapons left the installation and returned in the afternoon. On 3 July, troops engaged in athletics and close-order drill were seen in the billeting area. At 9 a.m. on 4 July, another 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets but without heavy weapons marched out of the installation and returned at 3:30 p.m. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 5 July, the troops in the installation were engaged in athletics. On 6 July, there was no training activity. On 7 July, a unit was marched out from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. just as on 2 and 4 July. On 8 July, a unit again marched out at 9 a.m. but had not returned by 4:30 p.m.

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2. During the period from 27 June to 1 July, barracks buildings Nos 2 and 3 of the Loewen Kaserne were occupied by about 1,000 infantrymen; buildings Nos 4 and 5 by about 1,000 tank troopers; building No 6 by about 500 soldiers of a mortar unit; and two other buildings, which also contained a kitchen and an officers'

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club, by a total of 600 tank troops. Nine buildings of the Adler Kaserne quartered 900 to 1,000 soldiers of an AT artillery unit. T-34/85 tanks and some JS tanks, 76.2-mm and 45-mm AT guns, 120-mm and 82-mm mortars, BA-64 armored scout cars and heavier armored scout cars with half-track chassis were seen in the area of the two barracks installations. The 8 to 10 colonels who arrived in the installation in early June were last seen there on 23 June. After this date, contrary to previous practice, all troops fell in for a roll call every morning before they left the installation and were addressed by the commanding officer or another high-ranking officer. After the roll call, training in the terrain was conducted as usually, with groups consisting of 1 officer and 20 troops each. At 8 a.m. on 26 June, a large unit equipped with tanks, AT guns, heavy mortars, and numerous trucks with troops and field kitchens left the installation and returned on the evening of 28 June. On 27 June, another unit left the installation for a field exercise which, according to soldiers, was to last 5 days. The unit had not returned on the afternoon of 1 July. On 26 June, when an alarm was given in the installation, all officers and soldiers present including Colonel Moloshkin (fnu) put on gas masks and rushed from their quarters to remove the motor vehicles from the garages. The troops carried assault equipment and small arms, but no steel helmets. They were not observed leaving the installation. (1)

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4. On 6 July, the wooden garages in the Neues Lager west of Altes Lager north of Highway No 103 were nearly occupied by tanks including JSU-122 guns. About 20 T-34/85 tanks and 4 JSU-122 guns were noticed in the permanent garages. (1)

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5. At 7:40 a.m. on 29 June, a convoy of eight trucks numbered [] each towing a 37-mm AA gun passed through Döberitz coming from the west and proceeding to the north. []

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[] the right side of each of the eight AA guns. The eight trucks were followed by four factory-new trucks

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[] carrying billet-ing equipment. The column was followed by truck [] occupied by a captain with a red brassard who controlled traffic on Highway No 103, when the column turned off. (3)

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6. On 29 June, about 50 canvas-covered armored vehicles were observed in the park of the former estate at the troop training grounds, near the old village of Döberitz. They were surrounded by about 30 tents each of which was occupied by 10 to 12 troops. Ten trucks were parked nearby. (1)

7. At 8 a.m. on 4 July, a troop train carrying 3 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 trucks [] was seen at the Mustermark railroad station near Döberitz. The train was headed west. (4)

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8. At 8 a.m. on 4 July, a troop train carrying four 37-mm AA guns, four trucks [] and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia was observed at the Mustermark railroad station.

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[] Comments.

- (1) The report confirms that short-time exercises were conducted in rotation by units of the 1st Mecz Div at the Doeberitz training area. It contains no new information concerning the installations mentioned. [] Although information received on the various units quartered in the Loewen Kaserne indicates that a mechanized regiment is stationed there, it contains no clues as to the identity of the other units of the division which are believed to be quartered in the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne. The strength figures mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report appear to be exaggerated.

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[] Colonel. Holoshkin (fnu) who was previously known probably is the commanding officer of a unit quartered in the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne.

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- (3) [] The unit probably belongs to the Second Gds Mecz Army.

- (4) The sources of paragraphs 7 and 8 observed the same troop train, which carried units of the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div and, which, [] went from Justerbog to Neubukow on 4 July 1952 [] []

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